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(200) CHINA NUCLEAR  
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SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON, D-WASH., SAID  
TODAY RED CHINA "IS GOING AHEAD FULL SPEED" ON MISSILE DEVELOPMENT  
AND SHOULD BE READY TO DEPLOY INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES BY THE  
EARLY 1970S.

JACKSON PREDICTED, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS SHORTLY WILL HAVE A  
MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILE WHICH CAN THREATEN INDIA AND OTHER NATIONS  
ON CHINA'S BORDERS -- AND EVEN JAPAN.

HE DISCUSSED CHINA'S PROGRESS IN THE FIELD WITH NEWSMEN AFTER  
ATTENDING A SECRET BRIEFING BEFORE THE SENATE-HOUSE ATOMIC ENERGY  
COMMITTEE BY RICHARD M. HELMS, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLI-  
GENCE AGENCY, AND OTHER CIA OFFICIALS.

JACKSON, A VETERAN MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID IT IS HIS VIEW  
THAT CHINA "IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS."

"THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY," HE SAID. "THIS IS SO  
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME INSTABILITY SHOWN NOW BY THE  
CHINESE GOVERNMENT."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED FIVE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS SO  
FAR SET OFF IN COMMUNIST CHINA.

JACKSON SAID IT IS HIS OPINION THAT THE CHINESE PROBABLY ARE  
WORKING ON AN INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILE THAT COULD BE FIRED FROM  
SUBMARINES.

HE SAID THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE SKILLED SCIENTISTS WORKING  
THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MISSILES WHO ARE FULLY COMPETENT  
TO DO THE NECESSARY THEORETICAL WORK.

BUT THE PROJECT IS PUTTING A STRAIN ON THE NATION'S INDUSTRIAL  
BASE, HE SAID.

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